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Jeffrey S. Jordan, Esq.  
General Counsel's Office  
Federal Election Commission  
Washington, DC 20463

RE: MUR 6818 Campaign Committee: Sholley for Congress

Dear Mr. Jordan:

I am in receipt of your letter dated 28 June 2010. I received it on July 1st, and immediately called my treasurer who lives outside the district. He does not receive mail directly from the FEC. Therefore, he did not read it until July 3 when we met to discuss the complaint and the wild allegations contained therein.

In no way has this campaign intentionally withheld required information from the FEC. I, myself, was assured many times that we were in compliance. In fact, according to my treasurer, he responded to all requests for additional information by filing amended reports when so notified. My treasurer assured me that the total expenditures were at all times accounted for in all filed reports. Those are the facts.

However, it appears that we were not in full compliance with the requirements of itemizing all expenditures of \$200. or more. There was apparently a misunderstanding on the part of the campaign. That oversight was corrected, and we recently filed a complete report for the second quarter of 2010. My treasurer is in the process of amending all previous reports to bring them into full compliance with FEC rules. It will be accomplished as expeditiously as possible to include financial statements by the candidate.

Regarding the potential misuse of campaign funds by this candidate, I can state that it is blatantly false. Not only do we have receipts and cancelled checks to prove it, but I have also loaned the campaign almost \$20,000. In addition, I am collecting Social Security Survivor Benefits as I am a widower. Please note that I am also a horticultural consultant, and a political consultant. The latter currently brings in some personal income. I have also cashed in some IRAs, and some stock over the last two years in addition to spending all of my savings. All expenditures by the campaign have been legitimate ones. Absolutely none have been for personal use.

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My opponent does not wish to debate me on the issues. He has instead decided to run a negative campaign through character assassination, rumor, wild allegations, innuendo, and now official complaints. I have nothing to hide, and I have promoted transparency and accountability for the last twenty years. That will continue to be the case.

I hope that this resolves the matter before the commission. Please let us know if you require any additional information from this campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Earl H. Sholley".

Earl H. Sholley  
Candidate for Congress  
4th District of Massachusetts

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